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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The anticipation of those hoping for an end in the Microsoft antitrust case has finally been met. A settlement has been reached in the case and I think the Justice Department should ensure this settlement is instituted.

Groups and individuals with anti-Microsoft views are working against this settlement. This is unnecessary because this settlement will make many positive changes in the software industry. The settlement prohibits any contractual restriction by Microsoft on the promotion of non-Microsoft products by computer makers. Basically this means computer makers will have more ability to place other software, and other non-Microsoft operating systems on computers. This will be good for Microsoft's competitors, yet they continue to oppose the settlement. It may be that opponents of the settlement care only about harming Microsoft through the courts, and not for more competition in IT.

It does not behoove a great Justice system like ours to be used by companies to harm another company. Simply stated, the settlement currently agreed to by both sides in this case should be instituted.

Sincerely,



Mary Rowland